areas of education, health, child protection, water and sanitation, advocacy and others. The programmes are implemented through concerned Ministries and Departments dealing with children and State Governments, including Government of West Bengal.

**Education cess**

1993. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of **HUMAN** RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has sent a proposal to the Finance Ministry demanding for an additional Rs. 3,950 crores to avail of the proposed education cess;

(b) if yes, the details thereof; and

(c) the break-up of the funds to be utilised for various programmes such as mid-day meal scheme, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan/secondary/higher education etc?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) Based on the discussions held with the Planning Commission, a proposal was sent to the Ministry of Finance in June, 2004 requesting for an additional allocation of Rs. 4150 crores for the Department of Elementary Education & Literacy and the Department of Secondary & Higher Education for the implementation of the Government's Common Minimum Programme. Although the levying of an education cess has been announced, a formal decision regarding the collections and allocations therefrom is yet to be received.

The scheme-wise details of additional allocation of Rs. 4150 crores sought are as hereunder:—

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| i) Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan | — | Rs. | 2000 crore |
| ii) Mid-Day Meal Scheme | — | Rs. | 1785 crore |
| iii) Adult Education | — | Rs. | 15 crore |
| iv) Secondary Education | — | Rs. | 87 crore |
| v) Appointment of Language Teachers | — | Rs. | 3 crore |
| vi) Higher Education | — | Rs. | 210 crore |
| vii) Technical Education | — | Rs. | 50 crore |